

Decision No. 23998

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
 GEORGE C. COWART to discontinue his)
 operative right to operate as a trans-) Application
 portation company in the transportation) No.17622
 of passengers, baggage and express by)
 automobile stage between Monterey and)
 Jamesburg, California.)

BY THE COMMISSION -

OPINION

ORIGINAL

Applicant herein seeks authority from this Commission to abandon the operation of a transportation company engaged in transporting passengers, baggage and express by automobile stage between Monterey and Jamesburg. The operation sought to be abandoned was acquired by applicant by our Decision No.22555, dated June 21, 1930, on Application No.16600 from N. Beronda who established the service prior to May 1, 1917. During the period in which this service was performed by Beronda he also had the contract for carrying the U. S. mail.

Applicant alleges that he acquired this operating right with the intention of consolidating it with certain rights for similar service between Monterey and Carmel and Carmel Mission for which he was applicant under Application No.16570, which was denied by our Decision No.23424, dated February 24, 1931.

Applicant further alleges that the operation of this service independent of any other operation does not produce revenue enough to pay more than a fraction of the operating expenses and there is no hope of developing additional traffic.

According to the annual report of applicant, operating under the fictitious name of Carmel Valley Transit Co., the receipts from public utility business during the year 1930 aggregated \$74.55 and the cost of operation \$207.70 leaving a deficit for the year of \$133.15. The operation consisted of three trips weekly between termini, a distance of thirty-five (35) miles.

It appears from the showing made by applicant that public convenience and necessity does no longer require the service and that it cannot be conducted except at a loss which is unreasonable to expect the operator to bear and that therefore the request for abandonment should be granted. It further appears that this is a matter in which a public hearing is not necessary.

O R D E R

George C. Cowart, operating under the fictitious name of Carmel Valley Transit Co., having made application for authority to abandon passenger, baggage and express service operated by him under authority of this Commission between Monterey and Jamesburg; and it appearing to this Commission that such operation cannot be conducted further without financial loss on the part of the operator,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that George C. Cowart be and he hereby is authorized to discontinue and abandon such service; provided that at least five (5) days before such abandonment he shall post notice at his terminal stations and in vehicles used by him of the date of discontinuance and provided further that applicant shall file his supplement to his tariffs canceling same and his supplement to his time schedules, canceling same, within fifteen (15) days from date hereof.

For all other purposes the effective date of this order is twenty (20) days from the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 31st day of August, 1931.

C. C. Stewart
Leon A. ...
W. B. ...
Fred G. ...
COMMISSIONERS.